

**TELECONFERENCE
EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
MEETING
MARCH 29, 2000**

PRESENT: Tracy Benzel, Fred Birts, Stephen Donohue, Roger Hall, David Mickelson, Jerry Tyler, and Joan Underwood; Herb Garn (at 10:50 a.m.)

EXCUSED: Thomas Evans, Robert Karnauskas, Wayne Lindgren, and Patrick McGuire

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall and Jan Neitzel; William Black, Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m., by Steve Donohue, Vice-Chair. A quorum of 7 members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Roger Hall moved, seconded by Joan Underwood, to approve the agenda, as published. Motion carried unanimously. (Herb Garn was not present for the motion.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (2/16/00) & (3/7/00)

MOTION: Roger Hall moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to approve the minutes of 2/16/00, as written. Motion carried unanimously. (Herb Garn was not present for the motion.)

MOTION: Roger Hall moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to approve the minutes of the Working Committee for 3/7/00, as written. Motion carried unanimously. (Herb Garn was not present for the motion.)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Marlene Cummings

- **Introduction of Deputy Secretary William Conway**

Deputy Secretary William Conway was not available, but sent a message stating that if the Board had any questions or problems, he could be available.

- **Role of a Person on the Governing Body of a Regulatory Entity – Resource Briefs, Smith, 99-4**

The Board received a copy of the Resource Brief entitled, “Role of a Person on the Governing Body of a Regulatory Entity.” Noted.

Bureau Director’s Report

- **Section Roster**

The Board received a copy of the March 2000 section roster. Noted

- **Meeting Dates**

The Board received a copy of the 2000 meeting dates. Noted.

- **Code Book**

The Board received a copy of the January 2000 Wisconsin Statutes and Administrative Codes. Noted

- **Regulatory Digest**

The Board received a copy of the February 2000 Regulatory digest. Noted.

Alfred Hall reported the August Regulatory Digest deadline for articles is June.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

99 SB 347 Relating to Registration of Wetland Scientists

The Board received a copy of the Wisconsin Senate Roll Call, 1999-2000 Session for the vote on SB 347.

The Board received a copy of the Senate Amendment 1, to 1999 Senate Bill 347.

Mark Austin, AIPGA, explained the importance of the Board having control over licensure exemptions.

The Board requested Alfred Hall to invite representatives from the Departments of Commerce, Transportation, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, to attend a Board meeting to discuss registration of wetland scientists.

MOTION: Tracy Benzel moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to have Alfred Hall invite the Departments of Commerce, Transportation, Agriculture, and Natural Resources to a meeting with the Joint Board for discussion on the

registration of wetland scientists. Motion Carried unanimously. (Herb Garn was not present for the motion.)

- **2/28/00, Underwood**

The Board received a copy of the February 28, 2000, letter from Joan Underwood, relating to Senate Bill 347 and the registration of wetland scientists.

- **3/20/00, Donohue**

The Board received a copy of the March 20, 2000, letter from Steve Donohue relating to Senate Bill 347 and the registration of wetland scientists.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Proposed Rules Relating to Examination Requirements

Herb Garn joined the meeting at this point.

The board will meet in May to address the Clearinghouse comments relating to the examination requirements.

SECTION UPDATE

Professional Geologists

Nothing to report

Professional Hydrologists

Nothing to report.

Professional Soil Scientists

Tracy Benzel stated he will send a copy of his testimony at the Senate hearing for SB 347.

DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT

Orientation to Screening Panel

Alfred Hall explained the process of screening cases.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Reference Guide for Auditing a Credentialing Examination Program – Resource Briefs, Showers, 99-1

The Board received a copy of the Resource Brief entitled, “Reference Guide For Auditing a Credentialing Examination Program.” Noted

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Fred Birts moved, seconded by Tracy Benzel, to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.